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SUBJ: CYPRUS: PRIMIN ECEVIT'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF JULY 28

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

SUMMARY: IN PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 28, PRIMIN ECEVIT INISISTED ON TURKS' RIGHT TO CONTINUE SENDING REINFORCEMENTS TO CYPRUS, NOTING THAT "THE GREEKS HAVE BEEN AMASSING TROOPS AND ARMAMENTS IN CYPRUS FOR AT LEAST A DECADE. A BALANCE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHIN A WEEK." OTHER MAJOR DEMANDS: (A) "REAL SECURITY" FOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS; (B) AUTONOMY OF TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES' ADMINISTRATIONS MUST BE RECOGNIZED PENDING FINAL SETTLEMENT; (C) BOTH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH MUST BE ACCEPTED AS REPRESENTATIVES OF CYPRUS; (D) TURKEY'S RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS GUARANTOR POWER MUST NOT BE DISREGARDED IN CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. UNLESS ALL ABOVE DEMANDS ACCEPTED, "WE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO SIGN A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT"

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HE SAID. HE SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED THAT "IF CEASE-FIRE IS NOT

SUPPLEMENTED BY EFFECTIVE SECURITY, CEASE-FIRE CANNOT WORK SO WE
DON'T WANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CEASE-FIRE AND SECURITY.
THAT'S OUR POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIMIN ECEVIT'S JULY 28 PRESS CONFERENCE
(12:35 P.M. LOCAL) AS TRANSCRIBED BY NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT
WHO ATTENDED (ECEVIT SPOKE IN ENGLISH): BEGIN PREPARED STATEMENT:

' IN THE GENEVA TALKS FOR CEASE-FIRE ON CYPRUS, THE TURK DELEGATION
HAS SHOWN UTMOST GOOD WILL. WE SHALL BE CONTINUING TO SHOW EVERY
GOOD WILL. WE HAVE REFRAINED FROM MAKING EXCESSIVE DEMANDS.
UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT SEE MUCH SATISFACTORY PROGRESS UP TO THE
PRESENT MOMENT. WE HAVE CERTAIN MINIMUM DEMANDS ON WHICH WE WOULD
INSIST. AN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED UNLESS THEY ARE ACCEPTED
FOR INSTANCE, WE WANT REAL SECURITY FOR THE TURKS ALL OVER THE ISLAND

SECURITY ON PAPER WOULD NOT SATISFY US. EVERY TURK IN EVERY CORNER
OF THE ISLAND MUST FEEL AT HOME. THIS WE REGARD AS AN INALIENABLE
RIGHT; IT IS A HUMAN RIGHT. SO
-CALLED SECURITY MEASURES WHICH WOULD
STILL KEEP THE TURKS IN MANY PARTS OF THE ISLAND ON THE ALERT
WONDERING WHEN THEY MAY BE ATTACKED OR MASSACRED CANNOT BE A TOLERABLE

WAY OF LIFE."

"THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES ARE IN CYPRUS WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF
SECURING PEACE AND SECURITY AND FACILITATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
LEGITIMATE ORDER ON THE ISLAND. THEY ARE THERE WITH THE RIGHTS AND
AUTHORITY OF A GUARANTOR POWER; THEIR RIGHT FOR REINFORCEMENT AND
LOGISTIC SUPPORT CANNOT BE QUESTIONED OR STOPPED. THE GREEKS HAVE
BEEN AMASSING TROOPS AND ARMAMENTS IN CYPRUS FOR AT LEAST A
DECADE. A BALANCE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED WITHIN A WEEK."

"ALTHOUGH MR. SAMPSON'S REPLACEMENT WITH MR. CLERIDES IS A
WELCOME DEVELOPMENT, THE GREEK ADMINISTRATION IN CYPRUS IS STILL
FAR FROM BEING A LEGITIMATE AND CONSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION. EVEN
BEFORE THE COUP WHICH HAD BROUGHT MR. SAMPSON TO POWER, THE STATE OF
CYPRUS HAD DEVIATED FROM CONSTITUTIONALITY FOR MANY YEARS. IT IS
EVEN DOUBTFUL IF THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESENT GREEK ADMINISTRATION IS
ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE GREEKS ON THE ISLAND. IN ANY CASE, AFTER ALL
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THAT HAS HAPPENED, THE TURKS ON CYPRUS CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO LIVE
UNDER A GREEK ADMINISTRATION."

"THEREFORE, THE AUTONOMY OF THE TURKISH AND GREEK ADMINISTRATIONS
ON THE ISLAND MUST BE ADMITTED UNTIL THE FINAL AND LEGITIMATE STATUS
OF CYPRUS IS ASCERTAINED. THE AUTONOMY OF THE TURKISH ADMINIS-
TRATION ALREADY EXISTS IN EFFECT IN PARTS OF THE ISLAND AS A RESULT
OF THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEARS.

THIS MUST BE OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED NOW. EVERYONE CONCERNED MUST BE REALISTIC ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THE REALITIES IF WE ARE TO REACH A VIABLE AGREEMENT. MR. CLERIDES CANNOT REPRESENT CYPRUS BY HIMSELF. THE POWERS OF MR. DANKTASH MUST BE ACCEPTED AS A CO-REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS. WE WOULD INSIST ON THAT."

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"WE WOULD ALSO INSIST THAT ANY CEASE-(FIRE AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED SHOULD NOT DISREGARD TURKEY'S RIGHTS AND DUTIES AS A GUARANTOR POWER"

"ALL THESE ARE ESSENTIAL FOR US IN ORDER TO COMBINE CEASE-FIRE WITH EFFECTIVE SECURITY. UNLESS THESE ARE ACCEPTED, WE WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO SIGN A CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT."

" WE WANT TO ESTABLISH CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH OUR NEIGHBOR, GREECE, BY REACHING FAIR SOLUTIONS TO ALL THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE HAVE BEEN AND WE SHALL BE SHOWING EVERY GOODWILL TO ACHIEVE THIS RESULT. BUT NO ONE SHOULD THINK OR SPEAK AS IF NOTHING NEW HAS HAPPENED IN CYPRUS, AS IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED THERE. A LOT HAS CHANGED IN CYPRUS SINCE THE MORNING OF THE

20TH OF JULY, 1974; A LOT HAS CHANGED IRREVOCABLY IN CYPRUS SINCE THE
20TH OF JULY. A SOLUTION FOR THE CYPRUS ISSUE CANNOT BE FOUND THROUGH
NEGOTIATION UNLESS EVERYONE CONCERNED REALISTICALLY REALIZES THE

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REALITIES." END OF PREPARED STATEMENT.

2. IN QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, CORRESPONDENT HAD DIFFICULTY
HEARING QUESTIONS FROM COLLEAGUES. FOLLOWING ACCOUNT CONSEQUENTLY
GIVES ONLY GIST OF QUESTIONS BUT FULL TEXT OF ANSWERS:

Q. POSSIBILITY OF A RENEWED AND VERY SERIOUS WAR?

A. I HOPE IT DOESN'T COME TO THAT AT ALL. THE DISCUSSIONS ARE STILL
CONTINUING. THEY ARE NOT INTERRUPTED. I HAVE COMMENTED ON THE PRE-
SENT POSITION WHICH MAY CHANGE AND I HOPE WILL CHANGE. WELL,
WE ARE STILL SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. I WOULDN'T LIKE TO TALK
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF WAR, BUT WE ARE PREPARED AND WE ARE
BEING PREPARED FOR ALL POSSIBILITIES AND EVENTUALITIES.

Q. CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS?

A. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AS FAR AS WE ARE CON-
CERNED. WE HAVE EXPLAINED THIS IN GENEVA AND NEW YORK AS WELL
WHAT'S HAPPENED IS THIS: THERE WERE SMALL REMAINING POCKETS OF
RESISTANCE OVER THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING OR BEHIND KYRENIA, THE
PORT OF KYRENIA, AND THEY HAVE BEEN THREATENING THE SECURITY OF
LIVES IN THE CITY AND PORT OF KYRENIA. THEY HAVE TO BE CLEARED IF
A CEASEFIRE WAS IN QUESTION, RATHER BREAKING OF THE CEASE-FIRE WAS
IN QUESTION. IT WAS NOT BECAUSE THE TURKISH TROOPS FIRED AT ANYBODY.
IT WAS IN SPITE OF THE DECLARED CEASE-FIRE THAT THESE SMALL POCKETS
OF RESISTANCE CONTINUED FIGHTING ON OUR PEOPLE
AND REGARDING NICOSIA
AIRPORT, THE MEASURES WE HAVE HAD TO TAKE AROUND NICOSIA AIRPORT
WERE SIMPLY BECAUSE THE GREEKS STILL USED THIS SO-CALLED
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SENDING ARMAMENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL
TO THE ISLAND.

Q. OFFICIAL TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION AT TALKS?

A. AT LEAST WHEN WE REACH AND IF WE REACH THE STAGE AT WHICH WE
SHALL BE DISCUSSING THE STATUS OF CYPRUS, CERTAINLY REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE CYPRUS PEOPLE SHOULD BE PRESENT THERE. OTHERWISE, IT WOULD BE
VERY UNDEMOCRATIC AND IT WOULD VIOLATE, IF WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF
THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS, SO THE ISLAND PEOPLE SHOULD BE REPRE-
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SENTED IN THE TALKS WHEN THE STATUS OF THE ISLAND IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSED AND THEY MUST BE REPRESENTED BY TWO DELEGATIONS: TURKISH AND GREEK.

Q. EXPLAIN TO ME EXACTLY WHAT DOES THE GOVT MEAN BY AUTONOMY?

A. I THINK I'VE MADE MYSELF CLEAR BY STATING THE FACT THAT IT IS BOTH A POLITICAL AND A PSYCHOLOGICAL FACT. AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED, THE TURKS IN CYPRUS CAN NO MORE LIVE UNDER A GREEK ADMINISTRATION.

1. I WONDER IF YOU COULD CLARIFY SOMETHING. THE GOVT WILL NOT SIGN THE CEASE-FIRE UNTIL CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES ARE SENT?

A. YOU SEE, CYPRUS MUST BE REPRESENTED IN GENEVA WHEN AT LEAST, WHEN WE START, WHEN AND IF WE REACH THE STAGE OF DISCUSSING THE STATUS OF CYPRUS. AT THAT STAGE, CYPRUS MUST BE REPRESENTED BY TWO DELEGATIONS, THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, TURKISH AND GREEK. AND I AM SAYING THAT, WHEN I AM SAYING AMOUNTS TO THIS, APART FROM THAT THE STATE OF CYPRUS MUST BE CO-REPRESENTED BY MR. CLERIDES AND BY MR. DENKTASH.

Q. (QUESTION INDISTINCT.)

A. WELL, YOU SEE WE HAVE INSISTED, ONE OF OUR CONDITIONS FOR THE CEASE-FIRE IS THAT THE AUTONOMY OF THE TURKISH ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. THANK YOU.

Q. SEVERAL YARS AGO THE TURKS FAVORED THE IDEA OF PARTITIONING THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS. WHAT HAS CHANGED, WHAT ARE THE REASONS THAT PRODUCED THE CHANGE IN YOUR COUNTRY'S POSITION?

A. WE ARE NOT AT THIS MOMENT NEGOTIATING OR TALKING ABOUT THE FINAL STATUS TO BE GIVEN TO CYPRUS. WE HAVEN'T REACHED THAT STAGE YET, SO IF YOU ALLOW ME, I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

Q. COULD YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES?

A. NO, I'M SORRY. BUT WHAT I CAN SAY IS THIS: THE GREEKS, AS I SAID IN MY TALK, THE GREEKS HAVE BEEN AMASSING FORCES THERE FOR
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TEN YEARS AND THE BALANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED, AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REACHED WITHIN A WEEK.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY THE BALANCE IS NOT YET REACHED, DO YOU MEAN THE TURKS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO SEND TROOPS?

A. WELL, I, I HAVE SAID IN MY INITIAL TALK WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE QUESTIONING OF OUR RIGHT TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS.

A. ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE?

A. THAT'S WHAT I SAY. THANK YOU.

Q. IS THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION STILL THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE TALKS IN THE HOPE OF ACHIEVING A CEASE-FIRE; OR ARE YOU SETTING NEW GROUND RULES?

A. NO, NO , WE ARE TALKING, OF COURSE WE ARE MET UNDER THE SECURITY COUNCIL CALL. OUR APPROACH IS THIS: WE CANNOT DISCUSS ONLY CEASE-FIRE. IF CEASE-FIRE IS NOT SUPPLEMENTED BY EFFECTIVE SECURITY, CEASE-FIRE CANNOT WORK. SO WE DON'T WANT TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN CEASE-FIRE AND SECURITY. THAT'S OUR POSITION.

Q. ARE THE TALKS NOW CONTINUING?

A. THEY ARE CONTINUING. THEY MAY REACH RESULTS THAT MAY BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. I HOPE THEY WILL. I HAVE COMMENTED, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR ME TO COMMENT, TO STATE THE VIEWS OF THE TURKISH GOVT REGARDING THE SITUATION THAT EXISTS IN GENEVA TALKS AT THIS VERY MOMENT. THANK YOU."
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